

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ARENA INVOLVEMENT IN ROMERO ASSASSINATION

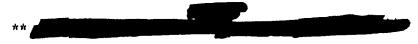


1. THERE IS NO INFORMATION AT HOS WHICH INDICATES THAT WAS INVOLVED IN ALBERTO ((SALAZAR)) FILM INTERVIEW OF MARCH 1984. IN FACT, THERE IS NO INFO AVAILABLE THAT ANY SUCH INTERVIEW WAS MADE OR BROADCAST.

- 2. THERE IS ONLY ONE DOCUMENT AT HOS WHICH MENTIONS A FILM OF ANY KIND BEING MADE THAT INVOLVES SALAZAR. APPARENTLY, A FILM UAS MADE AFTER SALAZAR'S RELEASE FROM PRISON IN DECEMBER 1983. SALAZAR WORKED WITH SALVADORAN MILATT COL. PENA FILMING A VIDEOTAPE ON THE INFO HE KNEW ABOUT FPL PAYOFFS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING LT. BILLY JOYA AND AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED VICTOR MAUNEL ((REYES)).
- 3. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, A SALVADORAN CITIZEN, ROBERTO ADALBERTO ((SALAZAR)), AKA RUIZ, AKA PEDRO, PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT OF REFS, WAS ARRESTED IN LATE NOVEMBER 1981 ON CHARGES OF SWINDLE AND BUNCO SCHEMES. PRIOR TO HIS ARREST, SALAZAR ATTEMPTED TO CONVINCE OFFICIALS IN HONDURAS THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE JOHN SULLIVAN CASE AND THREE OTHER MISSING SVDUAL CITIZENS. SALAZAR COULD NOT GIVE PROOF OF HIS BONAFIDES AND CLAIMS, AND AFTER HIS ARREST OFFICERS CONCLUDED HE WAS A FABRICATOR. SALAZAR WAS INCARCERATED FOR ONE AND HALF YEARS.

PRISON IN DECEMBER 1983 INTO THE CUSTODY OF COL. PENA WHEN

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SALAZAR REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO AND WAS WILLING TO TELL ALL ON THE SUBJECT. PENA RETURNED SALAZAR TO EL SALVADOR, WHERE HE WAS DEBRIEFED BY WHO, AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF DEBRIEFING, EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT HIS TRUTHFULNESS.

